

IN THE CLAIMS:

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--8. Storage device for medical swabs comprising a wrapper for the medical swabs wherein the wrapper is formed by adjacently disposed chambers which are sealed bacteria-tight and the size of the chambers is determined by the number and size of the swabs kept in stock in each of the chambers and wherein the wrapper can be stored rolled up or in an accordion-folded position.

9. The storage device of claim 8 wherein the wrapper comprises a flexible base layer and a flexible covering bonded to the base layer and wherein the chambers are formed by areas spaced apart in one of the two layers, which areas are convex relative to each other.

10. The storage device of claim 8 further comprising strips intended to be torn provided between the chambers.

11. The storage device of claim 9 further comprising strips intended to be torn provided between the chambers.

12. The storage device of claim 8 wherein the chambers are disposed in a row or in several parallel rows.